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SUBJECT: MILITARY SALES FOR SUDAN

REF: A. KHARTOUM 2580, B. KHARTOUM 2490 C. KHARTOUM 2481

1. GOS HAS AGAIN FORMALLY STATED ITS URGENT DESIRE FOR POSITIVE REPLY FROM USG REGARDING C-130 SALE. FOLLOWING AUG 28 MEETING WITH MINISTER DEFENSE, FONMIN MAKKAWI ASKED CHARGE TO SEE HIM AUG 31. MAKKAWI REVIEWED PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR BREWER AND REPEATED POINT MADE BY MINDEF THAT, WITH RESPECT TO FMS ASPECT, GOS MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN DURING MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS NIMEIRI AND FORD.

2. CHARGE BRIEFED FONMIN ON SUBSTANCE REFTELS A&B. MAKKAWI AGREED THAT THERE NOTHING TO ADD REGARDING DETAILS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BEING SOUGHT OR OF ITS USE IN ADDITION THAT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED. HOWEVER, HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED CHARGE TO INFORM USG IN WASHINGTON THAT GOS, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, CONSIDERS THAT IT URGENTLY NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF SALE. MAKKAWI ADMITTED THIS URGENCY STEMMED LARGELY FOR SECURITY SITUATION FOLLOWING EARLY JULY COUP ATTEMPT.

3. COMMENT: IT CLEAR PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IS EAGER TO MOVE
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FORWARD QUICKLY WITH C-130 PROGRAM. BOTH MAKKAWI AND

FRANCIS DENG (REF C, PARA 1) HAVE INFORMED US THAT FROM
GOS POINT OF VIEW SECURITY SITUATION HAS ALTERED SINCE
COUP AND THERE GREATER SENSE OF URGENCY AT HIGHEST LEVELS
GOS REGARDING NEED TO IMPROVE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.
IN LIGHT HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN C-130 PROGRAM HERE,
WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION FROM DEPT SOON REGARDING
LIKELIHOOD THAT OUR REPLY TO GOS REQUEST WILL BE POSITIVE.
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